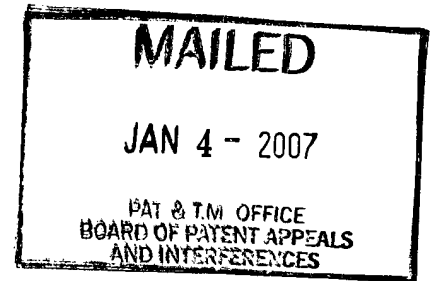


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Application No. 10/705,301

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 16, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

On May 11, 2006, an Examiner's Answer was entered into the record. In the Evidence Relied Upon section, page 2, paragraph 8, the examiner has not listed the references relied upon in the claim rejections. A review of the file reveals that references to Bohorquez (U.S. Patent No. 5,357,081), Suzuki (U.S. Patent No.

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4,514,737), Doluca (U.S. Patent No. 6,208,127), and Otsuki (U.S. Patent No. 5,145,961) were applied in the statement of rejections in the Grounds of Rejection, paragraph (9) of the Examiner's Answer. Before further review, the examiner must submit a corrected Examiner's Answer that will include in the Evidence Relied Upon section, the list of references mentioned in the statement of rejections. See the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, (MPEP) 1207.02. Appropriate correction is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

1) to vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed May 11, 2006, and issue a revised Examiner's Answer having the missing references listed under the Evidence Relied Upon section, paragraph (8); and

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2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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